

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, February 23, 2015

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees:

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Ramu Iyer, Margaret Rosenow

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

Alternates: Carole Weeks

Absent: Commissioners Lin Garretson; Priti Joshi & Kelli Ron; Alternates: Rituja Indapure & Mandagere Shashidhar

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Note Approval of January 26, 2015 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2015

- 2014 Carry forward \$ TBD
- 2015 Budget \$32,300 (includes \$6,500 4Culture Grant)
- 2015 Additional \$1,000 4Culture Grant
- **2015 TOTAL Budget \$ 33,300**
- 2015 YTD Expenditures \$1,279.10
- 2015 YTD Available Funds \$32,020.90

Roles of Commissioners – To support all Commissioners’ efforts by attending as many events as your schedules allow. Representation from Commissioners at Arts Commission hosted events is important.

Budget and Financial Report YTD – On track for spending. The Arts Commission request for carryforward funds from 2014 will be \$8,800 for the Community Garden Gate project. Arts Commission funding is budgeted in the City of Sammamish 2015-2016 budget in the Parks Department. Arts Commissioners are under the direction of the City Manager & City Council.

Garden Gate Update – Artist Garth Edwards and the City of Sammamish have a fully executed contract. Late Spring of 2015 is the anticipated target for completion of the garden gate and installation. The Arts Commission would like to host to events in recognition of “Wind in Grass”; 1) Ribbon cutting and community awareness of the gate installation and 2) An educational event.

“NEST” Project – Commissioner Iyer will follow up with artist Karen White on type of stick structure (NEST or creature) and an installation recognition date. Big Rock Park’s grand opening will be in October 2015 and the Sammamish Parks Department would like to have the artist celebrated in conjunction with the opening of the park. We have confirmation from the Parks Department that sticks are being collected and stored for the project.

Funding for this project will be coming from the following:

- \$1,000 from 4Culture (part of the LAA grant money awarded \$7,500)
- \$1,000 from un-allocated Arts Commission budget
- \$2,500 from Parks Department

Commissioner Ron is also applying for a separate 4Culture project grant of \$1,500 to assist in funding this project.

2015 Calendar Updates – On April 23, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Sammamish City Hall, an Arts Commission hosted reception will be held for exhibiting “Moments” Bainbridge Island artist Amanda Divine. Hosting a reception for the exhibiting artists provides an opportunity to highlight their work and share their process with new admirers and an artist’s followers.

Opera Theatre – Commissioner Wright is targeting May 8 to host an Operatic Cabaret. A narrative with music, storytelling and a few Broadway numbers. There will be 1-performer, 1 pianist, and post discussions as well. This will be a nice palate of opera and will run the range from introduction to seasoned opera performances. Venues being considered are Sahalee Country Club and Eastridge Church.

Roundabout – Commissioner Shedd is collecting re-claimed wood to be used by local artist Al Zold to create sculptures for Sammamish roundabout. The old wood has historical value, as some of the pieces might be from the old post office, Monohon mill and other notable buildings in Sammamish’s history. An archivist will be authenticating that this wood actually came from historical original Sammamish sites.

Vandalism is not a concern, roundabout(s) are not usually an issue. Treatment is not necessary for the wood being used, there no maintenance is required. Subtle lighting is preferred; however, no power is supplied to the roundabout.

In 2015, the Arts Commission is considering contracting with local artist Al Zold for 3 sculptures for the following roundabout locations:

- Inglewood Hill
- Issaquah Pine Lake (reddish wood is preferred as this location is adjacent to a Fire Department)
- 244th

Staff Liaison, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance Joe Guinasso will review with Assistant City Manager Lyman Howard the material provided by Commissioner Shedd for these projects. Commissioner Shedd recommended having the artist come up with 3 designs and engaging HOA’s adjacent to selected roundabout for input on a selection. Funding of \$3,500 for Public Art has been allocated in the 2015 Arts Commission budget. Commissioner Shedd anticipates each sculpture costing between \$600.00 – \$700.00.

Commissioners Shedd and Wright spoke to the Town Center Developer inquiring about incorporating art into their projects. There is discussion about incorporating the existing caboose into the development. There may be an opportunity to include art here as well. Commissioner Shedd is ensuring that the developer is hearing from the Arts Commission.

Other:

- All Commissioners would like to see more permanent public art out in the community.
- Request from Commissioners to have all marketing flyers sent to them individually as well as e-blasts.
- Calendar for 2015 is set but there is possibility for new projects; all new ideas should come to the Commission for approval.
- April is Poetry month. Chair Schaefer is reaching out to Michael Dylan for Haiku in the woods.
- Commissioner Iyer suggested reaching out to the residents who are tethered to their mobile devices with YouTube videos of our performance events to help stimulate their interest for the Arts Commission programs.
- Invitations were distributed from artEAST for their GALA, which will be at the Pickering Barn.

Adjourn 7:43 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, March 23, 2015 – 6:30 pm